

Appendix 3 - ACTION TRACKER

Finance, Planning and Economic Development Policy and Scrutiny Committee

ROUND 6 4 th May 2023		
Agenda Item	Action	Status/Follow Up
Update from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform	Committee to receive an update on: 1) Population survey statistics. Updates periodically on: 2) Insourcing. 3) Corporate Property portfolio. 4) IT disaggregation. 5) Council Reform. 6) Report It review.	Ongoing.

ROUND 2 20 th July 2023		
Agenda Item	Action	Status/Follow Up
Update from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform	Contact Centres, to clarify why the Westminster Employment Service is securing the funding for “5 Westminster Residents” on “placement” and not just formally recruiting. Members asked if there was any particular reason for this – such as training disadvantaged or neurodiverse people for example?	Provided and sent out to membership on 17.08.23
	To note issues when reporting potential short-term lettings breaches via the report-it app and the confusion around how this can be reported and what action can be taken.	Provided and sent out to membership on 17.08.23. More information requested for specific investigation.
	Additional information on the use of chatbots and any other AI tools on waste collection and/or reporting issues to the Council.	Provided and sent out to membership on 17.08.23
Update from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development	Members asked for more information on what the Council might be able to do, to try to tackle suspected money laundering operations and business rate non-payers on major high streets.	Members will be issued with the P&S report currently planned for Scrutiny Commission on 5 th October 2023.

Update from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development	Westminster Investment Service, to identify the other business that has benefitted from the scheme.	Sent to Members 22/08
	Members asked when the Soho monitoring surveys on noise, traffic and air quality were going to take place.	Sent to Members 22/08
	On the Raze Sustainable Bag Pilot, Members asked for the source of the statistic claiming that use of the advertising on the bags was “up to 11 times more effective at diverting web traffic than online other advertising methods”. And if available, what other sources could corroborate this.	Sent to Members 22/08
	The future Cabinet Member report to include more information on the Smart Cities programme.	Included in September’s Cabinet Member Update
Participatory Budgeting Modelling	Administering costs, Members asked how much additional funding would be required to administer the £600,000 allocated grant budget and where this was coming from. Including, but not limited to, the costs for the managing of the grants and the costs of running community forums and residents participation in decisions.	Provided and sent out to membership on 17.08.23 Follow-up information requested on 28.08.23 and received 18.09.23
	To provide a copy of the evaluation report of the first round that is due “July 2023”.	Provided and sent out to membership on 17.08.23
Work Programme Report	To keep Participatory Budgeting in mind when agreeing future meeting agendas, as Members felt there could be a more productive conversation to be had when specific details were available to the Committee.	Noted by the Chair and re-added to unallocated items on the Work Programme